Wiki Post #2  
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**Summary:** After Bakha made a deal with Babu Ji, he made his way through town to the local bazaar. He saw a rainbow of colored clothing there worn by the upper class. Eventually he ended up at the sweetmeat-seller's shop and purchased a bag of jalebis. He loved jalebis because it was cheap and he loved the taste of the warm sweet syrup. As he wandered through town eating his jalebis, he was drawn to a figure in a window and stared at her. However, then someone started shouting at him and telling him that he needs to make people aware that he is coming through town. The man yelling at Bakha was claiming that Bakha had touched him and now, the man must purify himself to rid the "untouchable's filth." The man was calling Bakha horrible names such as "a swine, a dog, and a son of a bitch." Bakha did not know how to react to this type of insult so he just stood there quietly with his mouth open. Seconds later, people started to file around Bakha to figure out what was ocurring. The man that was yelling at Bakha was upset about Bakha not announcing that he was walking through town because apparently the untouchables must announce where they are at all times and where they are headed. The man soon started to blame Bakha for beating children, when he never did such a thing. Bakha pleaded for forgiveness, when luckily a tonga-wallah approached the scene and helped Bakha get away from the mess of people. However, now Bakha made sure that he shouted wherever he was so that the townspeople were aware he was in the area. Bakha made his way through the rest of the town without any complications.

**Analysis:** I could not believe how rude the upper class people were to Bakha. I understand that if high-caste people are on the street, the untouchables are supposed to announce their whereabouts, however I think it is insane that they talked to Bakha in that manner. He is just a boy and everyone makes mistakes, but the upper class people acted as though they were going to dies because Bakha walked through the town without warning. It seems as though the people normally don't hear or pay attention to when the lower class announces their presence, so I don't understand why it was such a big deal when Bakha did not announce it. I am glad that I am not a part of the lower class because I would not be able to serve the high caste society if they treated me like dirt. The untouchables are extremely forgiving after the upper class treats them like feculence and they still wait on the upper class hand and foot. I would never be able to live like that, and I can't believe the upper class can live knowing how they treat the untouchables. They live in a horrible society.

**Application:** Just like the last application, this novel includes the aspects of human nature socially because of the way different classes are perceived in society. Each social class interacts with each other, however not in a friendly manner. Each class is separated, but the people within each class talk and associate with each other, while different classes never acknowledge anyone in a class lower than them. Each caste level has different roles and ideals in life and exhibit much different behavior. The lower class cleans and serves the upper classes while the upper class just lives their life without a worry in the world. The higher castes have a more educated style of living and experience greater things with the money they have, while the lower classes make the most out of what they have. The lower class children play games with each other in the dirt, while the high class children attend school in order to earn a well rounded education. I believe that everyone would love to live in harmony with each other, however the reality of that request is quite unrealistic.